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Viewpoints do not match up in lawsuit

The University of Iowa has released an official statement regarding a student's allegations of harassment, while the graduate continues to seek relief for damages despite the fact that the alleged harasser committed suicide | **Page 3**

Shoe incident reflects on the U.S. image

Columnist Marisha Pietrowski writes about President Bush's recent visit to Iraq, and how his encounter with the journalist who threw a pair of shoes at him shows just how much the U.S. image has been damaged | **Page 4**

Storms ravage California

Rain storms continue to take a toll on the citizens of California, causing power outages and building collapses | **Page 5**

Palmer elbow looking good

After having a ligament and tendon partially torn during a game against the Giants, Bengals QB Carson Palmer may be back to practice soon | **Page 6**

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Both men's and women's basketball came away with wins Sunday, and are making positive strides since the games | **Page 6**

If you could renovate the dorms to have any feature, what would it be?



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Freshman, 2-D Art

"I would like a petting zoo." | **Page 4**

TODAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 26, Low: 23

TOMORROW
Cloudy
High: 32, Low: 22

Parents demand rollover answers

UDS offers ways to spend leftover cash by May

By Freddy Hunt
Editor in Chief

Students don't need to panic, yet, they just need to budget their meal plans.

University Dining Services has been receiving phone calls from angry students and parents demanding refunds and bookstore credit for unspent meal plan points. Sara Meyer, UDS marketing and advertising coordinator, said the announcement that leftover meal plan points won't roll over from school year to school year is the reason for the calls.

"It seems quite a few parents are irate at the system, where really I think it's just a change in the system," she said.

But the change hasn't even occurred yet, and that's what students and parents must understand, said Daria Blachowski-Dreyer, UDS associate director of nutrition initiatives.

"They thought we were eliminating rollover this semester instead of next semester," she said. "At the end of Spring semester they'll all be forfeited if they're not utilized and we're trying to think of as many ways as possible to help students

spend those funds."

An e-mail was sent last week to students who have over \$500 remaining on their meal plan, Meyer said. The e-mail identified ways the student may spend their remaining funds so they do not find themselves with an abundance of unspent meal plan funds at the end of the school year in May. The e-mail suggested students stock up on cases of beverages, buy holiday gift baskets for friends and

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SPENDING THE EXTRA CASH: Valerie Duffy, a Commons Marketplace cashier, assists a student with a late night purchase.

BEN LOHMAN | THE BG NEWS



THE FINAL VOTE: Presidential electors are gathering in state capitals across the country to cast the votes that will formally elect Barack Obama as president. It's a mostly ceremonial procedure, but one mandated by the Constitution — and a necessary one, as well.

Electors vote to make Obama's win official

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — As 13 electors cast ballots yesterday for the nation's first black president in the Confederacy's old Capitol, Henry Marsh emotionally recalled the smartest man he ever knew — a waiter, who couldn't get a better job because of his race.

"He waited tables for 30 years,

six days a week, 12 hours a day, from 12 noon to 12 midnight, and he supported his family," Marsh, 75, a civil rights lawyer and state senator, said of his father as he fought back tears. "He suffered a lot. He went through a lot."

In all 50 states and the District of Columbia, the 538 electors performed a constitutional process

to legally elect Democrat Barack Obama the 44th president.

More than 131 million voters cast ballots — the most ever in a presidential election. But Obama's election is not complete until Congress tallies the outcome of yesterday's Electoral College vote at a joint session scheduled for Jan. 6.

City Council strikes disputed section of Housing Master Plan

By Kristen Vasas
City Editor

After listening to a range of citizens voice their concerns over Section O of the Housing Master Plan, the Bowling Green City Council amended the resolution to remove the offending section at last night's meeting. According to City Council

President Megan Newlove, Section O called for a licensing inspection of properties owned by landlords in the city of Bowling Green, which would allow inspectors to look over both the exterior and interior of properties. The call for inspec-

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Health and Wellness named center of excellence by

By Colleen Fitzgibbons
Reporter

The University is known for its 78 health and wellness programs and now faculty, staff and students wait to see if these programs will qualify as Centers of Excellence.

Associate Dean of College of Health and Human Services, Chris Dunn, said all 13 Universities in Ohio are identifying their Centers of Excellence as part of Gov. Ted Strickland and Chancellor Eric Fingerhut's "Strategic Plan for Higher Education." Health and Wellness across a Lifespan is one of four centers the University has considered for excellence.

Dunn said the Centers of Excellence is a first time thing for Ohio. He said Strickland wanted to adopt a structure called the Ohio University system, where each of the universities had their own programs they are known for and good at.

"Their reasoning was we can't have every university in Ohio funded by the state be the same type of thing," Dunn said.

Every university will still have their general education departments, such as English and science, but their Centers of Excellence will be their own distinguishing features.

This past June, the University had its first center approved which was the Center of Excellence in the Arts. This includes the College of Arts and

Sciences.

The process of claiming these centers takes more than a couple of days. The provost, president and University Board of Trustees must all approve the centers. By spring 2009, each university should have reported their centers to the Chancellor for approval.

Linda Petrosino, dean of the College of Health and Human Services, presented the second center Health and Wellness across a Lifespan to the Board of Trustees. Now they wait for the board's approval.

Milton Hakel, psychology professor, serves as a chair for the steering committee of the Center of Excellence for the University and he said the next meeting for the Board of Trustees is in February. However, he said they have a lot on their plate, so they may not even get to vote on the center then.

Hakel said he is not worried about it though.

"[The Board of Trustees] are very supportive of the directions of this University," Hakel said.

It did not take just one program to form this Center of Excellence in health and wellness. Dunn said there are 78 different programs across campus, including Firelands, that deal with health-related issues not in the College of Health and

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BLOTTER

FRIDAY, DEC. 12

1:15 A.M.
Daniel Powers II, of Whitehouse, Ohio, was cited for obstructing official business and theft of dangerous drugs. Amy Taylor, of West Lake, Ohio, was cited with complicity to theft.

12:32 P.M.
Complainant reported laundry stolen from Chapman Hall.

8:33 P.M.
Student was ejected from the hockey party for abusive behavior.

SATURDAY, DEC. 13

12:26 A.M.

Complainant reported someone took keys and ped from the Rodgers computer lab.

1:56 A.M.
A verbal warning was issued to a resident of McDonald East Hall for making a threatening remark to a resident advisor.

CORRECTION

POLICY

We want to correct all factual errors. If you think an error has been made, call The BG News at 419-372-6966.

Matthew Ambrose was arrested for disorderly conduct. In yesterday's edition of the blotter, he was incorrectly identified as Matthew Eakin.

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tions came after a number of dilapidated houses were thought to be bringing down the property values of neighborhoods.

"There is nothing else we can do tonight [to fix Section O]," Ward 4 Councilman Mike Frost said. "The single thing we can do is eliminate it from the language in front of us and come back to it at a later time."

Although the Housing Master Plan and Section O were technically split to create two separate issues, the council members agreed unanimously that Section O be revisited and discussed at a later time in order to make progress.

Section O was also brought to the attention of Undergraduate Student Government because of the effect the passage of the resolution would have on the 8,000 off-campus students, and brought these issues to the council.

USG Vice President Sundee Mutgi said Section O would cause landlords to charge

SUNDAY, DEC. 14

12:05 A.M.
Larry Stewert and Phillip Pope, both of Toledo, Ohio, were arrested for inducing panic when a fire alarm was activated at the Alpha Omicron Pi house.

2:43 A.M.
Donald Baney, of Cygnet, Ohio, was cited for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated, possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

2:44 A.M.
Chelsea Schaefer, of Columbus, Ohio, was arrested for underage under the influence, prohibited acts and disorderly conduct with persistence.

11:08 A.M.
Complainant reported her vehicle was damaged while parked in Lot E.

5:52 P.M.
Juvenile arrested for disorderly conduct after threatening to kill complainant's 14-year-old daughter.

5:55 P.M.
Penny Evans, 44, of Bradner, Ohio, was witnessed attempting to steal ace bandages and tape from the Wood County Hospital Emergency Room.

11:35 P.M.
Tyler Baum, 19, of Bowling Green, was arrested for theft after shoplifting over \$160 in merchandise from Meijer.

students for the inspections, which could range from \$20 to \$400.

"Maybe you leave a bag of trash out, and the inspection takes place," Mutgi said. "All of a sudden, you have to worry about getting cited for that."

USG President John Waynick said the worst thing about Section O is the fact that a lot of the people agreeing with the resolution often lose sight of who it will ultimately affect — the student renters.

And in an effort to fix the negative generalizations associated with student renters, Waynick and Mutgi said they are working closely with Assistant Dean of Students Andy Alt to improve the off-campus LISTSERV.

Lawyer Steve Green, who has an office in town, also disagreed with the effects that would be passed down by Section O.

"Rather than creating new legislation or ordinances, use what we have to solve this," Green said. "Why would you license and inspect every landlord, when in fact, most of them are not a problem?"

MOVE

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Green was one of many other students who lived in Bromfield Hall this semester who had to move.

Director of Residence Life Michael Griffel said the reason why Green and the other Bromfield students had to leave was because it will be closed down during the spring semester, along with Anderson Hall, due to renovations.

"We're about to enter a housing master planning process," Griffel said. "That's where architectural and engineering consultant services are going to be working on the University."

Griffel said Anderson was unavailable for the fall semester and will continue to be for the spring semester. He said Bromfield was also supposed to be closed fall semester, but it was used for temporary housing due to the large number of students living on campus.

All of the students in Bromfield Hall will be moved out one to two weeks into the spring semester.

Green said the first time she found out about her temporary stay was on move-in day.

"I was informed by a letter I received when I checked into Harshman. I was informed again at a floor meeting," Green said.

Sophomore Charles Dent said he was also told about the move at a meeting with all Bromfield residents.

"They said it was because of low enrollment," Dent said. "I think it's because the building is old."

Dent was correct about the aged residence hall, since Anderson and Bromfield will both be under renovation during spring semester.

"We're doing carpeting in the rooms and in the main lobby area and we're renovating the desk in the main lobby area," Griffel said. "All the rooms are getting carpeting, we're doing painting and refinishing the furniture so that it looks nice."

Griffel said the new carpet is more hygienic and easier to clean because they are using carpet tiles that have solid rubber underneath.

"If one is damaged, then you can just pull it out instead of taking out the whole thing," Griffel said.

These two halls in Harshman Quadrangle will not be the only

ones to get a makeover.

Griffel said the University is evaluating what buildings are in most need of renovation and what work will be done.

"Our intent certainly over time is to get to all of our older facilities on a rotating basis, whether that will happen during the summer or during semesters," Griffel said. "It will happen either incrementally in small batches or large batches depending on a whole bunch of factors."

While the University works on a plan for the next buildings to be renovated, some students search for a place to stay during the spring semester.

"Our staff worked really hard to honor their requests," Griffel said. "I think they were able to honor almost all of the requests except for maybe like one or two."

Dent is still contemplating on moving into Chapman Hall, but is not too worried about the shift.

"I moved to Harshman in the middle of the semester last year, so I am used to it," Dent said.

Green is happy that she does not have to live in Bromfield Hall for another semester.

"Now that I have moved, I am in

a bigger room and I am closer to campus," she said.

Even though Green moved to a bigger room in Rodgers Quadrangle, she does not have to pay any more than she did for her room in Bromfield Hall. According to the University's Web site, rooms with double occupancy in both Harshman and Rodgers Quadrangles are the same price at \$2,110; however rooms in Harshman Quadrangle are 15 feet by 10 feet while rooms in Rodgers Quadrangle are 16 feet by 12 feet.

Dent, who lived in Anderson Hall last year, said he also feels better about leaving Bromfield because of the sanitation and level of noise.

"It was loud, but I can deal with that; what really got to me was how dirty it was," Dent said.

Even though students like Dent may not have had good experiences in some of the dorms, the University is looking to improve this.

"We've really been looking at making sure we're providing the best facilities that we've got," Griffel said. "We certainly have aging buildings; there's no question about that. But we've tried to keep them in good shape with

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Human Services.

"We believe that the aggregate of close to 80 programs, which involve over 100 faculty across the entire University who teach and conduct research in health and wellness areas, represent a tremendous existing strength that can be built on to become a national signature for BGSU," Petrosino said.

Some examples of these wellness programs are: The University's own PRSSA's Project U, which was led by Journalism Professor Terry Rentner, that was a state-wide competition for a tobacco reduction campaign on campus.

Another example is Healthier You Peer Education (HYPE), which is a group of students who have taken the HHS 440 class and present a variety of wellness topics such as nutrition, body image, alcohol and other drugs and sexual health.

These are just a couple programs offered here on campus that have a goal to increase health and wellness.

"We have nationally and internationally known scholars and researchers with strong interdisciplinary research programs," Petrosino said. "We have a long tradition of community partnerships and in fact our partnerships are the fabric of many of our health and wellness programs."

Hakel said he thinks the focus

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family, buy snacks for the holidays, treat friends to lunch or throw a pizza party.

While nearly 20 percent of students with a meal plan received the e-mail, most students are right on target with their spending. Blachowski-Dreyer said 82.2 percent of students with meal plans have 250 points or less. According to the e-mail, students should have between 173-225 meal plan points as of Dec. 6.

Sophomore Jennifer Greene has approximately 300 points left on her meal plan. She bought the silver plan last Spring and has since been trying to whittle down the funds that rolled over.

Last night, Greene treated two of her friends to dinner at Founders dining hall. Her mom has made the

trip from Solon, Ohio, several times to buy groceries from Commons Marketplace, Greene said.

"I'm never buying the [silver meal plan] again," Greene said. "I figured I'd eat three meals a day, but I didn't end up doing that and it ended up being just too much."

Next semester Greene is buying the bronze plan, and will continue treating her friends to meals so she doesn't have a large sum of leftover meal plan points.

Freshman Katie Lovick also has nearly 300 points remaining on her meal plan.

"I will probably just buy in bulk," Lovick said. "My mom said to just buy bottled water in bulk and just bring it home."

Even though Lovick is a freshman and has never had her meal plan points continue from spring to fall semesters, she thinks the University is wrong for eliminating meal plan rollover.

on health and wellness as a way of prevention to health issues is more important than what some other universities focus on.

He said the University of Toledo is well-known for its medical school.

"[It's good] BGSU does not have a medical school because medical schools often tend to see more disease aspect," Hakel said. "Of course when you have the flu you want to get rid of it, but here we look at ways to prevent it."

Dunn also agrees that prevention is more important than treatment.

"There's a huge mismatch between 97 percent of all the health care dollars in this country are spent on treatment and cures and 3 percent are spent on prevention and health promotion," Dunn said. "Researchers have been able to demonstrate that there would be a huge cost savings if we just introduced a little bit more money into the prevention side of things."

While the University awaits its second Center of Excellence, there are still two more to go through the process. One is called the 21st

Century Organizations, which are programs focused on technology, psychology and others. The second center is focused on the University's Education Program.

If the Chancellor does not approve BGSU's wellness programs, the University will continue to educate students on health and wellness.

"We are well positioned to sharpen the BGSU focus in this area and to offer comprehensive, quality educational experiences for our students in health and wellness across the lifespan," Petrosino said.

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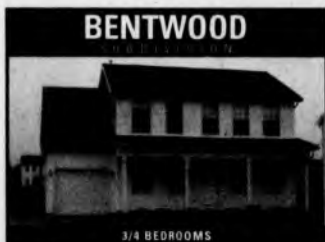
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PROFITING FROM EDUCATION: It's buyback time at the bookstore. From now until Saturday, students can bring their books to the University Bookstore to sell them back for some cold hard cash. Limited quantities needed, so come early.

Former Univ. of Iowa student proceeding with lawsuit despite statements from school

Melissa Milligan seeks relief for damages, claiming a late professor made inappropriate sexual remarks

By Olivia Moran
U-Wire

The University of Iowa filed a response to a federal sexual-harassment lawsuit against the university and the late Professor Mark Weiger on Thursday, denying that Weiger acted inappropriately with a student in 2006 and 2007.

Former UI graduate student Melissa Milligan filed the suit in early November with the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Iowa, accusing Weiger — a then-oboe professor — of verbally sexually harassing her on a daily basis during one academic year. Weiger committed suicide less than a week after she filed the suit.

In the UI's response, Iowa Assistant Attorney General

George Carroll acknowledged the complaint against Weiger but wrote Milligan is not entitled to damages because she failed to take advantage of the university's efforts to prevent such behavior.

A spokesman for the Attorney General's Office said on Thursday he could not comment on the lawsuit or reach someone who could but said officials typically can't comment on pending litigation.

Milligan's attorney, Alison Werner Smith of Iowa City, also said she couldn't comment on the filing but said the recent death of Weiger does not affect the suit.

"I don't believe there are any plans to dismiss the lawsuit at this time," she said.

The university denied

numerous allegations in the suit, contending Weiger was not sexually involved with one of his students and that an internal investigation that year never affirmed Milligan's accusations, among other things.

Patrick Bauer, a UI law professor who specializes in civil procedure, said that although he can't discuss specifics of the case, the university's denial of Milligan's claims begins a process called discovery, which could take months of sifting through depositions and filing paperwork.

"At the close of discovery, if you have a 'he-said, she-said,' you have a trial," Bauer said. "You might even have a trial to a jury."

Weiger's death doesn't necessarily mean Milligan will dismiss the suit, Bauer said.

The former graduate student could sue his estate, for example.

Milligan is seeking relief for actual damages, emotional suffering, loss of wages, nominal damages, and punitive damages. Carroll wrote in the UI's response that Milligan failed to mitigate her damages and "fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted."

Policy moves to ban smoking on campus

By Joey Soto
U-Wire

The movement toward a smoke-free campus at the University of Missouri will take the first of three steps when students return from winter break.

MU officials released the new on-campus smoking policy Wednesday after months of discussion and deliberation. Administration cited student support as a reason for the decision, MU spokesman Christian Basi said.

"We have consulted with a variety of different groups and organizations, and we have been petitioned for both a ban and lenient smoking restrictions," Basi said. "We've had folks on both sides of the issue we've spoken with and we feel that this first step is a good compromise at this point."

But the Missouri Students Association Senate voted down legislation last week that called for a campus-wide smoking ban, and the Residence Halls Association passed a resolution in favor of smokers' rights, saying that students could smoke on residence halls balconies if the students sharing that floor agreed.

The first phase of the plan goes into effect on Jan. 20. An MU news release stated the new policy restricts smoking "on MU owned or leased property within 20 feet of any building entrances, exits, windows and fresh air intake systems."

Basi said the university is simply expanding the policies it began decades ago.

"When you think about smoking on campus, we have been making a gradual shift toward a smoke free campus for a fairly long time," Basi said. "Decades ago it was just accepted that people would smoke in offices and public areas. It wasn't uncom-

"I am pleased with our new policy because it promotes good health."

Brady Deaton | Chancellor

mon. But little by little the university has developed policies restricting that smoking."

Accommodations are being made for both students and faculty smokers with the implementation of smoking cessation programs, according to the news release.

"It's not as if we've said we're going to make a dramatic change in our policy and not provide people the tools to adjust to it, as well as to help and encourage them to move to a healthier living environment," Basi said.

Chancellor Brady Deaton echoed Basi's explanation of the hope for healthier lifestyles as a result of the policy.

"I am pleased with our new policy because it promotes good health while allowing faculty, staff and students time to make adjustments through each of its phases," Deaton said.

The difference in Deaton's policy from the MSA resolution might have favorable reaction in the MSA Senate, said Craig Stevenson, Associated Students of the University of Missouri Board chairman.

"One of the things that people were concerned about was how quick to move to non-smoking because people thought the MSA bill skipped the first step," Stevenson said. "Chancellor Deaton added the first step to make the process more gradual."

GET A LIFE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Some events taken from events.bgsuedu

7 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Study Room

207 Union - Mylander Mtg Rm

7 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Study Room

309 Union - Reiter Family Mtg Rm

8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Exhibit #6: Architecture: Annual Exhibition of Student Work

130 and 131 Union - Gallery Space

8 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Muslim Student Association Prayer Room
204 Olscamp

9 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Bookstore Text Reservation and Buy Back
228 Union - Multipurpose Rm

12 - 1 p.m.

Weight Watchers at Work
316 Union

8 - 9 p.m.

Secret of the Star
112 Physical Sciences Lab Bldg.

CAMPUS BRIEF

Man given warning after poking a woman's breast

Thanatos Eikonoklast was arrested for sexual imposition on Friday night after allegedly poking a female complainant's right breast, according to a police report.

The incident occurred at approximately 11:15 p.m. in West Hall. Eikonoklast, who is a volunteer for WBGU radio station, was taken to the Wood County Justice Center and given a criminal trespass warning and advised that if he returns to campus, he would be arrested.

Eikonoklast was released from jail after posting a \$5,000 bond early Saturday morning.

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FORUM

"It was loud, but I can deal with that; what really got to me was how dirty it was."
— Charles Dent, sophomore, on living in Bromfield hall [see story, pg. 1].

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

If you could renovate the dorms to have any feature, what would it be?



"If they all had air conditioning that'd be awesome."
KATIE WITHERELL,
Sophomore,
2-D Art



"Hot water in the showers."
NINA KRIVONIC,
Freshman,
Biology



"A smoking room."
THOMAS PROVITT,
Freshman,
History



"All rooms would have good heat and air conditioning. And no more concrete walls."
JEREMY GREEN,
Senior,
IPC

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Shoe thrown at Bush shows contempt for U.S. foreign policy



MARISHA PIETROWSKI
COLUMNIST

It's the end of the line for President George W. Bush, and instead of flying high in the 'lame duck' period of his presidency, he must aim low.

Why? He must duck to avoid flying shoes. Yes, shoes.

On Sunday, Bush traveled to Iraq to meet with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. The two held a press conference to highlight positive results of the United States' struggle in Iraq over the previous five years, as well as the long road ahead for the nation.

Suddenly, a reporter with the Iraqi-owned Al-Baghdadia television station stood up amongst the reporters and shouted in Arabic, "This is a farewell kiss, you dog!" and

threw a shoe at the president. spective, many Iraqis also threw shoes at the statue of Saddam Hussein when U.S. forces invaded Iraq in 2003. It seems as though what goes around has come around. To some, President Bush now represents the same hated leader that was removed from power at the start of the war.

Additionally, this action was committed by a journalist, which speaks to the strong feelings of resentment this man must have felt. This wasn't simply an angry civilian; this was a person who was supposed to be objective and impartial.

The journalist should not have used his access to the president to act in such a way, and I am saddened to see that this man felt so much frustration towards Bush that he was compelled to act as he did.

I too have been frustrated by many actions of the Bush administration throughout the past eight years, I hate to see

that so many share that same sentiment and I hope for our sake, as well as the rest of the world, that things can change.

I don't believe that everyone has to love

America and its leader at all times, because I recognize that people will have their differences in opinion. I don't expect a sort of "Team America" to come soaring in and police the world [insert Team America's explicit patriotic cry here].

However, I do hate to see that people dislike our nation and its leader so much. We play such a large role in the world, and as we face difficult times ahead, I don't want other nations to revel in our troubles, or wish ill upon us.

I hope that the new year can bring a public relations makeover for our country and foreign affairs. Hopefully, the new administration can work to create policies that both help foreign nations rebuild and thrive. I also hope they can work to prevent our nation from not only slipping economically, but also from slipping in public opinion among the rest of the world.

— Respond to Marisha at thenews@bgnews.com.

"Throwing a shoe or even so much as showing someone the soles of your shoes is considered a grave offense."

I'll admit, seeing the footage made me laugh. Throwing a

pair of shoes? I couldn't believe what I was seeing. Even Bush joked about the incident afterwards. However, when one thinks about the significance of the reporter's actions, it isn't as funny as I initially thought.

It's sad that the actions of United States leaders (not just Bush) inspire so much anger not only towards Americans, but also towards people around the world. This reporter's actions speak to the impact of our nation throughout the world. It seems Americans are not alone in disapproval of the Iraq war.

In Iraqi culture, the reporter's action show the lowest form of contempt for another human. Throwing a shoe or even so much as showing someone the soles of your shoes is considered a grave offense. While the action may not have caused serious injury to the president, it may be considered a testament to foreign sentiment regarding President Bush, our foreign policy and possibly our government as a whole.

To put the action into per-



MICHAEL WEIGMAN | THE BG NEWS

Newspapers should move online and get over it

By Brad Luttrell
U-Wire

Print newspapers will die.

It's actually really simple and not that terrifying. A quick synopsis of the market:

Print usually takes up at least 50 percent of a newspaper's budget. Most major newspapers are seeing far more readers online — up to 40 times the print in some cases. Advertising is shifting to online because it's cheaper and gets far more looks. Advertising is what carries the newspaper business.

If the readership and advertisers are becoming more interested in online media, then it only makes sense for newspapers to wise up and cut that bulky 50 percent of their spending that is holding up a media that is less popular and use it to survive.

So, sorry to all of the dinosaurs that are terrified of how people who don't have comput-

ers will ever get their news. The business isn't heartless, it's just not economically feasible to keep providing in an area that's going to drag your business to the ground.

It's already happening. Newspapers are cutting back their readerships to outermost suburbs — which are heavily concentrated with those who don't have computers. A few papers have just made the switch to online and no print — ever.

My generation will never buy print subscriptions when it's available in RSS format or as a phone application. In the end, does it really matter if you can hold the print format in one hand and a coffee in the other? Just replace the paper with your smart-phone or laptop and that is the reality of the future.

Quit pouting: it's not a "shame." What is a shame is that people still turn to the print edi-

tion when online is so versatile and more informative. Stories can be formatted in dozens of interactive, quick-hit formats that are just flat-out better. In a matter of seconds, you can share that story with everyone you know.

Lexington Herald-Leader reporter Amy Wilson told me something that blew my mind. She and photojournalist David Stephenson worked on a project about a young boxer and the story was set to run in the paper with photos and text. But online, it was just a video they produced. No photo slideshow, no few hundred words of narratives and quotes. Just a few minutes of beautiful video and audio.

"It's still the story I told in print and it's still my words," Wilson said.

You get that? The reporter said it's the same.

It's an innovative idea — one that will likely become more and

more common. The longer journalists fight the Web, the longer the business is going to suffer.

I can read The New York Times any time of the day, and get the most updated version of any of their stories. On my way to Chicago this weekend, I got caught up on their governor's scandal and the latest on the bankruptcy of The Chicago Tribune in the car without ever spending a dollar for a paper or even stopping the car. In a matter of seconds, I can share the story with a friend or post it to my Web site.

That is the type of communication the world needs: fast, cheap and accessible. It's also the only type of communication that will see journalism through.

Because it's only a matter of time before the dinosaurs' subscriptions run out and the racks remain full day in and day out. The sooner journalism catches on, the sooner it can move on.

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MEASURES OF PROTECTION: In Yorba Linda, Calif., where 100 homes were lost to a wildfire last month, a residence is protected by sandbags yesterday. A powerful pre-winter storm slammed California with rain and snow yesterday, snarling roads, triggering two traffic fatalities, collapsing the roof of an occupational school and forcing hundreds of people to flee homes in a suburb at risk of mudslides after a devastating wildfire last month.

Rainstorms devastate California

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A powerful storm plowed through California yesterday, producing heavy rain that collapsed a school roof and forced hundreds to flee homes in an area devastated by recent wildfires.

Power failures caused by the weather blacked out about 20,000 homes and businesses around the state. Two traffic deaths were linked to the storm.

At higher elevations, heavy snow in a mountain pass east of Los Angeles closed the main route connecting Las Vegas to Southern California. North of the city, the main route to San Francisco was snarled by snow that forced the state Highway Patrol to shepherd motorists over another pass in caravans.

The rain apparently collapsed the roof of a classroom at the North Orange County Regional Occupational Program building in Anaheim. Seven people

were taken to a hospital, said police Sgt. Rick Martinez. Their conditions were not immediately available.

Roughly 150 students were at the center, which prepares high school students and adults for medical occupations, said spokeswoman Pat Hansmeyer. Only three of the students were minors, and they were not injured, she said.

Yorba Linda, where 100 homes were lost to a wildfire last month, hundreds of homes in canyon areas on the east end of town were ordered evacuated yesterday morning because of the threat of mudslides. Residents had been advised to leave as early as Sunday night, and an evacuation center was opened.

"It is mandatory now, unknown duration," said Brea police Lt. Jim Tibbetts.

The wildfires had stripped hillsides of vegetation. Muddy runoff on some roads was

reported near midday.

The storm was part of the same weather system that brought heavy snow to Portland, Ore., on Sunday, snarling traffic and delaying airline flights, said Steven Van Horn, a National Weather Service meteorologist.

In Northern California, about 8 inches of heavy snow brought down tree limbs on power lines, blacking out more than 11,000 customers in the Grass Valley area, Pacific Gas & Electric spokesman Paul Moreno said.

Power failures also hit 5,000 Los Angeles Department of Water and Power customers and 4,000 Southern California Edison customers, utility officials said.

Rainfall totals for Southern California yesterday morning ranged from more than 1 inch at Moorpark to more than 2 inches at the Gibraltar Dam in Santa Barbara County. Snow fell at areas above 3,000 feet.

Man faces charges for murder, bombs

By Ryan Kost
The Associated Press

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — A 32-year-old steelworker is charged with murder and other crimes after a bomb explosion at a bank that killed two law enforcers and critically injured a third, officials said yesterday.

Joshua A. Turnidge was arrested Sunday after police released surveillance photographs of him, the Marion County district attorney's office said. Officials did not identify him until yesterday.

Court officials didn't know yesterday whether Turnidge had an attorney. He is to be arraigned today.

The announcement didn't say what led officers to Turnidge but said it wasn't the "direct result" of a tip from the public. Investigators have not disclosed information about a motive.

Turnidge was arrested in Salem, where he lives, about 20 miles south of Woodburn, where the bomb exploded Friday at a West Coast Bank branch office.

He also faces charges of manufacturing and possession of a dangerous device, assault, and conspiracy, prosecutors said.

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FOOTBALL

Arena League ends doubt, will cancel 2009 season

After an offseason of speculation, the 22-year-old Arena Football League officially canceled the upcoming 2009 season yesterday. The cancellation stems from the league being unable to come to an agreement with its players union.

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OUR CALL

Today in Sports History

1979—The United States beats Italy in tennis' 68th Davis Cup.

1973—O.J. Simpson becomes the first NFL running back to rush for 2,000 yards in a season.

1972—The Miami Dolphins become the NFL's first undefeated team.

The List

There have been some major signings in Major League Baseball since the off-season started (mostly by the Yankees). Still, there are some big names available. Today, we list the five best players on the open market:

1. Jake Peavy:

San Diego's been trying to trade him for months. He won't come cheap, but he's one of the best pitchers in baseball.

2. Mark Teixeira:

He drove in 132 runs last season and is one of the best first basemen around.

3. Manny Ramirez:

He's getting old, but he can still hit the cover off the ball and pace an entire offense.

4. Ben Sheets: CC Sabathia was the Brewer free agent pitcher who got more attention, but Sheets is phenomenal when he's healthy.

5. Derek Lowe:

The sinkerball specialist is a proven winner.



BG NEWS FILE PHOTOS

LEFT: Women's coach Curt Miller gets fired up during a game.

RIGHT: Men's coach Louis Orr encourages his team from the sideline.



Into the win column

Basketball notes — both teams have positive momentum after Sunday

By Andrew Harner
Assistant Sports Editor



Lauren Prochaska

Forward scored 24 points in BG's win on Sunday

In a Falcon Sunday basketball doubleheader two days ago, there were plenty of good things and a few bad things for both the men's and the women's teams.

The women's team won 77-59 over St. Bonaventure, and the men's team brought down Detroit Mercy 58-38.

The return of Prochaska

During one of the first half media timeouts, a fan was asked a trivia question. That question went something to this effect: Lauren Prochaska is leading the team in scoring, but what Falcon has emerged and led the team in scoring the past two games?

The answer to that is Tracy Pontius, who scored 16 and 22 points in the last two games for BG, both career highs.

It's not that Prochaska wasn't scoring in those two games as she had 24 points, but coach Curt Miller had been talking about how Prochaska needed to get more shots.

With a 24-point performance against the aggressive St. Bonaventure on Sunday, Miller and Prochaska talked about the differences between that game and

the past couple of weeks.

"She's one of those kids on the floor who can make shots with people in her face," Miller said. "There's lots and lots of kids who can make open shots. There's not as many kids who can make shots when they're guarded."

"I think it was the way things were going, and I was finding open looks," Prochaska said. "People were getting me the ball in the right places."

Official review?

Starting midway through the first half, St. Bonaventure coach Jim Crowley began to verbally express his displeasure with the officiating.

For the most part, Crowley's cries were well worth noting as the offi-



Brian Moten

Led BG in scoring with 15 points in Sunday's win

ciating was subpar, but Crowley's antics did get a little out of hand as the contest rolled on as he confronted officials several times during play and on many timeouts.

Once St. Bonaventure reached 10 fouls with 9:23 left in the second half, Crowley sarcastically said, "Ten fouls already, I'm not surprised." As the fouls continued pouring on, Crowley described the scene as "ridiculous" and said it "is unbelievable what is happening."

However, as the game wore down to the end, Crowley realized

his cries were falling on deaf ears, and he simply stood at the end of his bench with his arms crossed watching as his team pile up 22 fouls and 22 turnovers.

The Falcons had 14 fouls in the game, with 10 coming in the second half.

Everyone's invited

A rare thing happened to St. Bonaventure in Sunday's game: their bench played an equal number of minutes as their starters did.

It's not uncommon for a team to have one or two bench players tally double digit minutes, but the Bonnies had five bench players go over 15 minutes with

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HARRY CABLUCK | AP PHOTO

HISTORY: Tennessee is out of the AP Top 10 for the first time since 1986.



SARA D. DAVIS | AP PHOTO

NO. 2: North Carolina now has the longest active Top 10 streak at 70 weeks.



MICHAEL CONROY | AP PHOTO

TOUGH LUCK: Purdue dropped out of the Top 25 this week.

Lady Vols' AP Top 10 streak comes to an end, UCONN remains No. 1 in newest poll

By Doug Feinberg
The Associated Press

Tennessee's record run in the top 10 is over.

The Lady Vols' streak of 211 straight weeks in the top 10 ended yesterday when they were ranked 11th in The Associated Press Top 25 poll. Tennessee, which lost at then-No. 6 Texas 73-59 on Sunday, was last

out of the first 10 on March 3, 1997. The run went 56 weeks longer than the men's record of 155 set by UCLA.

Meanwhile, Connecticut remained an unanimous No. 1 choice for the third straight week.

North Carolina, which stayed No. 2 this week, now has the longest active streak in the Top 10 with 70 consecutive weeks. It would take them nearly eight years to match the Lady Vols' run.

Stanford and Texas A&M remained third and fourth. The Cardinal will visit Duke tonight. Texas switched places with Oklahoma after its win over Tennessee. The Longhorns are 9-0 for the first since 1987-88. It's the first time they've cracked the first five since Dec. 27, 2004. Texas will host No. 21 Arizona

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Bengals QB Palmer will test injured arm this week

CINCINNATI (AP) — Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer is doing well in his comeback from an elbow injury and might throw in practice this week, another indication that he won't need surgery.

Coach Marvin Lewis said yesterday that Palmer is throwing hard in his personal workouts and having no problems with the elbow. Palmer has a partially torn ligament and tendon in the right elbow, which was injured in the third game of the season.

Palmer rested the elbow for two months and resumed throwing two weeks ago. Lewis said he might be allowed to do some limited throwing in practice this week, though he's not going to play in any of the Bengals' last two games.

"It would be fun for him to get back into the practice routine of being out there totally with the guys, and that would be good," Lewis said. "Again, the healing process is going well, and we don't want to do anything to jeopardize that."

The ligament and tendon were partially torn from the bone when his arm was hit while he threw a pass in a loss



DAVID KOHL | AP PHOTO

HURTING: An elbow injury has kept Carson Palmer out most of the season.

to the Giants. Palmer sat out the next game, then played the entire game in a loss at Dallas. He noticed he couldn't throw the ball as hard as usual in that game.

Doctors advised two months

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PALMER

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of rehabilitation without throwing a football, hoping the injury would heal without surgery. Few NFL quarterbacks have had reconstructive elbow surgery, and Palmer considers it a last resort.

The Bengals (2-11-1) have no plans to play Palmer in their remaining games, at Cleveland and at home against Kansas City. Palmer has said that he wished he could play, but he understands it's up to the team. The Bengals are being cautious until doctors conclude the injury has fully healed.

"We've got two weeks left," Lewis said. "I'm not going to sit here and say he's going to play in the games, but he's doing well and we have a chance to still progress him another step further and closer, so that's a good thing."

The Bengals went 0-4 behind Palmer. Backup Ryan Fitzpatrick led them to a 20-13 victory Sunday over Washington that left him 2-7-1 as the starter. The victory ensured that the Bengals won't have the top pick in the draft — Detroit is 0-14 — and will avoid the distinction of the worst team in franchise history. The 2002 Bengals finished a franchise-worst 2-14.

POLL

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State on Thursday.

Baylor, Duke, Louisville and Auburn each moved up three places to round out the first 10.

It's only the second time Tennessee has been ranked so low since opening the season at No. 3 in 1986 — an almost unbelievable run for the Lady Vols, who have won all eight of their national titles during the stretch.

The Lady Vols schedule doesn't get easier. They visit Old Dominion on Thursday before hosting Stanford on Sunday.

California fell three places to 12th after blowing a 26-point halftime lead to Oklahoma on Saturday. Notre Dame dropped five spots to 13th following an overtime loss to Michigan.

Rutgers was 14th, followed by Maryland, Pittsburgh, Virginia and Ohio State. Vanderbilt moved up one spot to 19th. Florida climbed three places to No. 20.

Arizona State, Oklahoma State, Kansas State, TCU and Georgia Tech rounded out the top 25. TCU fell five places after losing at Oklahoma State on Sunday. Georgia Tech entered the poll for the first time this season. The Yellow Jackets were in it for one week last season at No. 23 before falling out the next week.

Purdue was the lone team to fall out after losing to Valparaiso 71-60.

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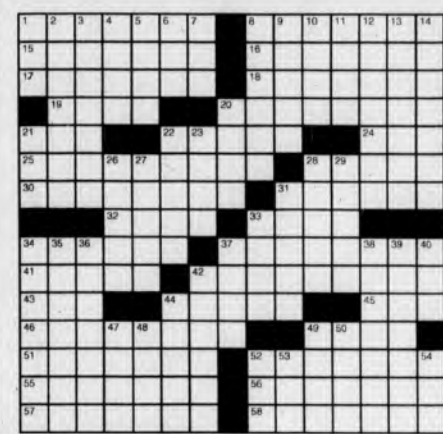
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15 Caspian's neighbor
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17 Captured back
18 "Dora Maar" painter
19 Blathers
20 Disavowed
21 Navigator's guide
22 Particle in a meson
24 Moreover
25 Oscar role for Ingrid Bergman
28 Vivian of "I Love Lucy"
30 Like many elements
31 Conference of Golden Gophers
32 Norwegian saint
33 Big mil. brass
34 "Dracula" writer
37 Market protests
41 Flower sepals
42 Dining gear
43 Roulette bet

44 Intrinsically
45 Western moniker
46 Serpent
49 Webber musical
51 Fawning sycophants
52 Tabletop brewers
55 Gregory Nava film of 1983
56 Air sacs in the lungs
57 Minium
58 Sanctified

1 Word with cry or chest
2 Pizza herb
3 Greek cape
4 Spill the beans
5 Poses questions
6 Kicker's need
7 Luis Obispo
8 Ad Astra per _ (Kansas motto)
9 Mouse sound
10 _ Cola
11 McGregor of "Moulin Rouge"

35 Frog of the future
36 Veteran
37 Farm outbuilding
38 Body art
39 Bridge supporter
40 Gender
42 Kidded around
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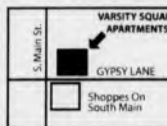
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FOOTBALL

Arena League ends doubt, will cancel 2009 season

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Today in Sports History

1979—The United States beats Italy in tennis' 68th Davis Cup.

1973—O.J. Simpson becomes the first NFL running back to rush for 2,000 yards in a season.

1972—The Miami Dolphins become the NFL's first undefeated team.

The List

There have been some major signings in Major League Baseball since the off-season started (mostly by the Yankees). Still, there are some big names available. Today, we list the five best players on the open market:

1. Jake Peavy:

San Diego's been trying to trade him for months. He won't come cheap, but he's one of the best pitchers in baseball.

2. Mark Teixeira:

He drove in 132 runs last season and is one of the best first basemen around.

3. Manny Ramirez:

He's getting old, but he can still hit the cover off the ball and pace an entire offense.

4. Ben Sheets: CC Sabathia was the Brewer free agent pitcher who got more attention, but Sheets is phenomenal when he's healthy.

5. Derek Lowe:

The sinkerball specialist is a proven winner.



BG NEWS FILE PHOTOS

LEFT: Women's coach Curt Miller gets fired up during a game.

RIGHT: Men's coach Louis Orr encourages his team from the sideline.



Into the win column

Basketball notes — both teams have positive momentum after Sunday

By Andrew Harner
Assistant Sports Editor



Lauren Prochaska

Forward scored 24 points in BG's win on Sunday.

In a Falcon Sunday basketball doubleheader two days ago, there were plenty of good things and a few bad things for both the men's and the women's teams.

The women's team won 77-59 over St. Bonaventure, and the men's team brought down Detroit Mercy 58-38.

The return of Prochaska

During one of the first half media timeouts, a fan was asked a trivia question. That question went something to this effect: Lauren Prochaska is leading the team in scoring, but what Falcon has emerged and led the team in scoring the past two games?

The answer to that is Tracy Pontius, who scored 16 and 22 points in the last two games for BG, both career highs.

It's not that Prochaska wasn't scoring in those two games as she had 24 points, but coach Curt Miller had been talking about how Prochaska needed to get more shots.

With a 24-point performance against the aggressive St. Bonaventure on Sunday, Miller and Prochaska talked about the differences between that game and

the past couple of weeks.

"She's one of those kids on the floor who can make shots with people in her face," Miller said. "There's lots and lots of kids who can make open shots. There's not as many kids who can make shots when they're guarded."

"I think it was the way things were going, and I was finding open looks," Prochaska said. "People were getting me the ball in the right places."

Official review?

Starting midway through the first half, St. Bonaventure coach Jim Crowley began to verbally express his displeasure with the officiating.

For the most part, Crowley's cries were well worth noting as the off-



Brian Moten

Led BG in scoring with 15 points in Sunday's win

ciating was subpar, but Crowley's antics did get a little out of hand as the contest rolled on as he confronted officials several times during play and on many timeouts.

Once St. Bonaventure reached 10 fouls with 9:23 left in the second half, Crowley sarcastically said, "Ten fouls already, I'm not surprised."

As the fouls continued pouring on, Crowley described the scene as "ridiculous" and said it "is unbelievable what is happening."

However, as the game wore down to the end, Crowley realized

his cries were falling on deaf ears, and he simply stood at the end of his bench with his arms crossed watching as his team pile up 22 fouls and 22 turnovers.

The Falcons had 14 fouls in the game, with 10 coming in the second half.

Everyone's invited

A rare thing happened to St. Bonaventure in Sunday's game: their bench played an equal number of minutes as their starters did.

It's not uncommon for a team to have one or two bench players tally double digit minutes, but the Bonnies had five bench players go over 15 minutes with

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HARRY CABLUCK | AP PHOTO

HISTORY: Tennessee is out of the AP Top 10 for the first time since 1986.



SARA D. DAVIS | AP PHOTO

NO. 2: North Carolina now has the longest active Top 10 streak at 70 weeks.



MICHAEL CONROY | AP PHOTO

TOUGH LUCK: Purdue dropped out of the Top 25 this week.

Lady Vols' AP Top 10 streak comes to an end, UCONN remains No. 1 in newest poll

By Doug Feinberg
The Associated Press

Tennessee's record run in the top 10 is over.

The Lady Vols' streak of 211 straight weeks in the top 10 ended yesterday when they were ranked 11th in The Associated Press Top 25 poll. Tennessee, which lost at then-No. 6 Texas 73-59 on Sunday, was last

out of the first 10 on March 3, 1997. The run went 56 weeks longer than the men's record of 155 set by UCLA.

Meanwhile, Connecticut remained an unanimous No. 1 choice for the third straight week.

North Carolina, which stayed No. 2 this week, now has the longest active streak in the Top 10 with 70 consecutive weeks. It would take them nearly eight years to match the Lady Vols' run.

Stanford and Texas A&M remained third and fourth. The Cardinal will visit Duke tonight. Texas switched places with Oklahoma after its win over Tennessee. The Longhorns are 9-0 for the first since 1987-88. It's the first time they've cracked the first five since Dec. 27, 2004. Texas will host No. 21 Arizona

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Bengals QB Palmer will test injured arm this week

CINCINNATI (AP) — Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer is doing well in his comeback from an elbow injury and might throw in practice this week, another indication that he won't need surgery.

Coach Marvin Lewis said yesterday that Palmer is throwing hard in his personal workouts and having no problems with the elbow. Palmer has a partially torn ligament and tendon in the right elbow, which was injured in the third game of the season.

Palmer rested the elbow for two months and resumed throwing two weeks ago. Lewis said he might be allowed to do some limited throwing in practice this week, though he's not going to play in any of the Bengals' last two games.

"It would be fun for him to get back into the practice routine of being out there totally with the guys, and that would be good," Lewis said. "Again, the healing process is going well, and we don't want to do anything to jeopardize that."

The ligament and tendon were partially torn from the bone when his arm was hit while he threw a pass in a loss



DAVID KOHL | AP PHOTO

HURTING: An elbow injury has kept Carson Palmer out most of the season.

to the Giants. Palmer sat out the next game, then played the entire game in a loss at Dallas. He noticed he couldn't throw the ball as hard as usual in that game.

Doctors advised two months

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PALMER

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of rehabilitation without throwing a football, hoping the injury would heal without surgery. Few NFL quarterbacks have had reconstructive elbow surgery, and Palmer considers it a last resort.

The Bengals (2-11-1) have no plans to play Palmer in their remaining games, at Cleveland and at home against Kansas City. Palmer has said that he wished he could play, but he understands it's up to the team. The Bengals are being cautious until doctors conclude the injury has fully healed.

"We've got two weeks left," Lewis said. "I'm not going to sit here and say he's going to play in the games, but he's doing well and we have a chance to still progress him another step further and closer, so that's a good thing."

The Bengals went 0-4 behind Palmer. Backup Ryan Fitzpatrick led them to a 20-13 victory Sunday over Washington that left him 2-7-1 as the starter. The victory ensured that the Bengals won't have the top pick in the draft — Detroit is 0-14 — and will avoid the distinction of the worst team in franchise history. The 2002 Bengals finished a franchise-worst 2-14.

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State on Thursday.

Baylor, Duke, Louisville and Auburn each moved up three places to round out the first 10.

It's only the second time Tennessee has been ranked so low since opening the season at No. 3 in 1986 — an almost unbelievable run for the Lady Vols, who have won all eight of their national titles during the stretch.

The Lady Vols schedule doesn't get easier. They visit Old Dominion on Thursday before hosting Stanford on Sunday.

California fell three places to 12th after blowing a 26-point halftime lead to Oklahoma on Saturday. Notre Dame dropped five spots to 13th following an overtime loss to Michigan.

Rutgers was 14th, followed by Maryland, Pittsburgh, Virginia and Ohio State. Vanderbilt moved up one spot to 19th. Florida climbed three places to No. 20.

Arizona State, Oklahoma State, Kansas State, TCU and Georgia Tech rounded out the top 25. TCU fell five places after losing at Oklahoma State on Sunday. Georgia Tech entered the poll for the first time this season. The Yellow Jackets were in it for one week last season at No. 23 before falling out the next week.

Purdue was the lone team to fall out after losing to Valparaiso 71-60.

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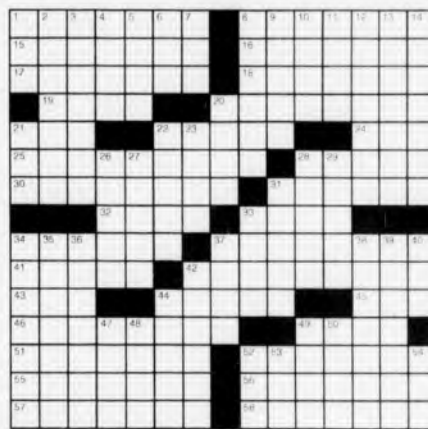
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Arena Football League can't agree with players union, cancels 2009 season

NEW YORK (AP) — The Arena Football League canceled its 2009 season yesterday pending an agreement with its players union. The decision throws the future of the 22-year-old league into question just days after it said next season had not been suspended.

The owners of the Columbus Destroyers, Cleveland Gladiators and the rest of the AFL teams voted against playing next year during a conference call Sunday night. It was unclear what had changed since the league issued a statement Wednesday night that said the 2009 season had not been suspended "despite rumors and reports to the contrary."

The league said in yesterday's statement it was "developing a long-term plan to improve its economic model."

"Every owner in the AFL is strongly committed to the league, the game, and, most importantly, the fans," acting commissioner Ed Policy said in a statement. "Owners, however, recognize that, especially in light of the current unprecedented economic climate, the AFL, as a business enterprise, needs to be restructured if it is to continue to provide its unique brand of this affordable, fan-friendly sport."

Last week's statement came after a meeting of the league's board of directors and did not

say the AFL definitely would play next year.

The AFL's woes come at a time when the world of sports, once thought to be largely recession-proof, has felt the economic chill. The NFL has said it would cut 150 jobs, while the NBA and NASCAR also have laid off dozens of workers. The NHL is in a hiring freeze while the Internet operation for Major League Baseball also has trimmed positions.

The AFL had been in limbo for weeks. With rumors swirling about its viability, the 16-team league delayed indefinitely the start of free agency, the release of next season's schedule and a dispersal draft to award players from the defunct New Orleans Voodoo.

The AFL has not selected a permanent replacement for longtime commissioner David Baker, who abruptly resigned from the 22-year-old league two days before the ArenaBowl in July.

"These are trying economic times," rocker Jon Bon Jovi, co-owner of the ArenaBowl champion Philadelphia Soul, said in a statement. "The revamping will ensure that the AFL continues to provide value to its fans and not only survives but thrives in the years to come."

Jim Renacci, the Columbus Destroyers' co-owner and vice



ALEX BRANDON / AP PHOTO

THE PAST: The AFL has been in existence for 22 years. Last season, the Philadelphia Soul and owner Jon Bon Jovi (above) won the championship.

chairman of the AFL executive committee, will lead the restructuring process.

Since November 2007, the AFL's board of directors has been looking into various ways to bolster the league's finances.

"Although it is disappointing to suspend the 2009 season,

the Arena Football League and its owners feel it is essential to reevaluate the current business model to ensure the livelihood of the AFL in the future," Hall of Fame quarterback John Elway, co-owner of the Colorado Crush, said in a statement.

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two going over 20.

One of their starters, Erica Schiefen, was on the court for 11 minutes while reserve Megan Van Tatenhove was second on the team in minutes with 24.

Coming into the game, Andrea Doneth led the bench in minutes per game with 21.7, but she only saw 17 minutes of action on Sunday. By comparison, Van Tatenhove was averaging just 13.7 minutes per game before Sunday.

As a whole, the St. Bonaventure bench was averaging 72.6 minutes per game before Sunday.

For the Falcons, the bench rotation was a bit different than in games prior with Jessica Slagale (19) and Chelsea Albert (15) getting the majority of the bench minutes.

Miller said the shorter bench rotation was somewhat of a gamble, but at the same time, the starters were on a roll and provided BG with a good match-up.

"I still believe in the bench," Miller said. "We let our starters play a little bit longer tonight. Maybe it has to with the big game, but I thought it had more to do with the match-up."

Defensive stand

The men's defensive effort from Sunday allowed fans in attendance to witness history.

For the first time since Feb. 1, 1964, when the Falcons defeated Western Ontario 87-37, BG held an opponent to under 40 points.

Not only that, the Falcons kept Detroit-Mercy from scoring for almost 10 straight minutes at one point during the first half that helped propel BG to a 15 point halftime lead.

More telling though was UDM's field goal percentage of .227, including a 4-of-23 clip in the first half, and their 2:15 assist to turnover ratio.

BG also grabbed 29 defensive rebounds in the game.

"You have to set that tone of toughness and physicality and aggression," Orr said. "You have to be able to defend and

be tough every game."

Running wild

Several times throughout the game, the Falcons were able to go on runs in which they did not allow the Titans to score.

In the first half, the Falcons went on a 10-minute, 14-0 run, that also included a span of over four minutes in which neither team scored. UDM missed 11 shots over that stretch.

In the second half, BG started on a 8-0 run, including a Joe Jakubowski layup and three pointers by Darryl Clements and Brian Moten, and the Falcons closed out the game with a four-minute, 10-0 run capped by a pair of Jakubowski free throws.

"We finished the game on an 8-0 run," Orr said. "But our defense made the difference."

On the boards

The Falcons out rebounded the Titans by 23 in the game, 50-27.

Jakubowski led the team with nine rebounds, but five players had five or more rebounds including seven from Nate Miller and six from both Erik Marshall and Otis Polk.

Being able to rebound from the guard positions is something that Orr was very happy his team was able to do.

"We need our guards to rebound," Orr said. "We need our perimeter guys to rebound because our big guys are fighting for their lives."

Clawson sightings

New football coach Dave Clawson was on hand for both of Sunday's games and gave a speech at halftime.

At the women's game, Clawson told fans he was proud to be a Falcon, wanted to provide a great product on the field and off the field and made sure to note the team's performance against Toledo was very important to him.

At the men's contest, Clawson's speech was much of the same.

His speeches were similar to the one Jim Tressel gave at an Ohio State basketball game after he was hired by the Buckeyes in 2001.

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